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SUBJECT: MINOR INCIDENT IN KANO

1. KANO BPAO EAKIN TELEPHONED TO REPORT THAT HALF-DOZEN YOUTHS (HE UNSURE WHETHER OR NOT THEY STUDENTS) APPEARED AT USIS BUILDING APPROXIMATELY 1000 TODAY. YOUTHS CHANTED SOME SLOGANS AND HAMMERED ON LOCKED EXTERIOR DOORS TO USIS FOR 5 TO 10 MINUTES (NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURED.) EAKIN HAD BEEN FOREWARNED OF POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATION BY DETACHMENT OF HALF-DOZEN POLICEMEN WHO ARRIVED AROUND 0900. POLICE DID NOT INTERFERE WITH YOUTHS AND INDICATED TO EAKIN THAT THEY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO SEE THAT NOBODY, INCLUDING YOUTHS, HURT.

2. ACCORDING EAKIN, LIBRARY WAS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-PATRONIZED THIS MORNING. DURING INCIDENT, PATRONS LOOKED DOWN ON YOUTHS FROM LIBRARY'S SECOND-FLOOR WINDOW, EXPRESSED AMUSEMENT AT THEIR ANTICS AND THEN RETURNED TO THEIR READING TABLES.

3. WHILE THIS INCIDENT WAS MINOR AND POLICE WERE ON HAND, I WONDER WHETHER DEMARCHE TO KANO STATE POLICE
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COMMISSIONER MIGHT BE IN ORDER. EAKIN COULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR POLICE PRESENCE TODAY WHILE ALSO ASKING

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THAT THEY BE INSTRUCTED TO KEEP ANY FUTURE DEMONSTRATORS AT SOME DISTANCE FROM BUILDING TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO USG PROPERTY. EAKIN SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO TAKE THAT LINE AS HE FEELS POLICE, IF THEY ACCEPT THIS SUGGESTION, WOULD LIKELY PLACE SMALL FIXED DETAIL AT USIS WHICH WOULD INHIBIT VISITORS. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS.
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